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## THROUGH SLEEPERS TO NORTH WESTERN POINTS.

On and after Thursday, November 19th, the Illinois Central R. R., will run a WEEKLY THROUGH SLEEPER to Panama, Decatur, Bloomington, Mendota, Freeport, Dubuque, Manchester, Waterloo, Fort Dodge, Sioux City and other Northwestern points, leaving New Orleans at 6 P. M., Hammond 7:57 P. M., every Thursday and Jackson, Miss., 12:53 A. M., Jackson, Tenn., 11:05 A. M., every Friday until further notice. This arrangement will greatly accommodate Returning Expositors, Tourists, and Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee Land Seekers.

J. W. COLEMAN,  
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agt.

Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention.  
I have in my possession a lot of the above minutes. It costs four cents to mail them. Any one wishing a copy and sending the requisite stamps, will receive a copy. I cannot mail them at my expense.

J. B. GAMBRELL.

## Editorial.

### ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

We have employed a competent person to take charge of the Baptist Record Job Office, and will print Association Minutes neatly and cheaply. Clerks will please write for our terms before letting out their work. Those favoring this office with their work will be materially helping their paper.

### APPOINTMENT.

Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Dec., I will begin a series of meetings with the French Camp church. I will be glad to meet as many of the pastors and brethren in that section as can conveniently attend.

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### REVIEWS AND COMMENTS.

Sardis church has extended a call to Rev. E. W. Spencer.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher becomes Associated Editor of the Baltimore Baptist.

A brother writes: "State Lane, Buckatuna, Waynesboro and Es catampa are all without pastors."

An exchange says, that oil and water would sooner mix than the Baptist church and the Government.

Last Sunday morning the church house of Pass Christian Colored Baptist church was burned. Insurance \$2,000.

Brother J. Jasper Green, has removed from Steers Creek to Higdon, Copiah Co., Miss. Brethren will please note the change.

Brother Speight starts a new Baptist paper at Norfolk, Va. Well-starting papers are easy—keeping them going is the tug of war.

A brother, writing of a good meeting, accounts for the fact that nearly all the converts joined the church by saying, "It was a Baptist meeting."

There is a prospect that Brother M. T. Martin will soon visit Mississippi. He has given up pastoral work and will devote his time to evangelistic work.

"I have long desired the Lord's direction in all my changes." Well the sure word of promise is: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path."

Rev. T. M. Bailey, for eleven years Secretary of State Mission Board of Ala., has resigned his position and accepted a similar position in South Carolina.

The new motto suggested by Miss Willard to the women of the Christian Temperance Union is: "Wherever the liquor power is marshalled, there is our battle field."

I was at a called session of the Gen. Association yesterday on unification. We are going to unify.—M. T. Martin.

Good for Texas and the cause of Christ.

Richmond College, and the whole denomination loses severely in the death of Prof. A. B. Brown, which occurred on the 27th ult. He was a man of great ability and ripe scholarship.

Texas is lonesome since our dear young brother and sister have gone from our sight to Brazil.—Texas Baptist.

Instead of making us feel lonesome to have Mississippians go to foreign fields, it seems to draw us nearer to those that sit in darkness, and we feel that the world is our country and all mankind brethren.

There is blessed peace in looking for this but a daily task and our portion of Christ's cross between this day and the appointed time when we shall fall asleep in him.—Wilberforce.

One of the nearest church houses and most united churches we have visited, is the Harrison church. Elder H. W. Rockett is pastor. We had the pleasure of talking to a good congregation there last week.

Brothers in N. C. and S. C. are somewhat alarmed over the free tuition in their State Universities. They need not be. We have gone through it in Mississippi without detriment to Mississippi College.

The Rocky Springs church, 12 miles north of Benton, Yazoo county, wishes a pastor and would like some preacher to visit them. Any one interested can address the clerk, R. N. Pearce, Yazoo City.

The Virginia State Mission Board for the first time in many years got out of debt at the late meeting of the General Association and had 10 cents left in the Treasury. They propose \$13,000 for this work next year.

Brother A. J. Gaines, of Waterford, has been visiting Mississippi. Among the places visited he mentioned Stoneyville and Jolietville. He finds great destitution and expresses a wish to go there to labor.

The church at Ogden has paid her pastor's salary and more than she promised at the beginning of the year. That is "laying by you in store as the Lord has prospered you" brethren. Brother J. A. Snyder will serve them next year.

Cold Water and Senatobia, two of the best towns in Mississippi have Prohibition and they like it. In answer to the question, "Has Prohibition injured your business?" Several business men said: "Not a bit; it has helped us."

The Baptists of Durant are showing good judgment and praiseworthy enterprise by building a commodious pastor's home, and Pastor Rowe is much encouraged both with his school and church duties.

A brother afflicted with rheumatism writes: "I can pray, bless God, if I can't work." Oh, my brother, many a one of us has cause to rejoice that the privilege of prayer shall be ours till we are clothed upon with our house from above.

We had a good meeting last Sunday in Yazoo City, three valuable members received—two by letter and one by experience. The church has organized a weekly prayer meeting, and will soon organize a Sunday School.—J. A. Snyder.

Forty-two young preachers were assisted in their education last year at Wake Forest College. What other Southern College can boast of so many?—W. H. Strickland, in Biblical Recorder.

Mississippi College, brother, can boast of 43.

A brother on conversion writes: "What should we do if we could not parade our grievances and our dyspepsia?" We should do better, be better, and help others to better living if we did neither. Dyspepsia and grievances grow and flourish by attention.

In times of great public exigency God raises up men and fits them to do his work. Whatever the want of any age, God is sure to find men to meet its demands. It should be our great study to know what work he has for us to do and to do it well.—Rev. Daniel March.

"Our prayer-meeting is being sapped of its spirituality by a multitude of talks." That is a point to be guarded. Prayer-meeting ought to be prayer-meetings. Yet a few pointed practical remarks may help to make our prayers agree, touching the things asked for.

The common run of Englishmen leave the care of their necks to the queen, and the care of their souls to the curate. They belong to the church and not to contents them.

So says one of our exchanges. Are there not some in our country content with nominal church membership?

A brother who has been greatly afflicted in the loss of his leg writes that Brother White's letter about little Jeanie's suffering and resignation proved a messenger from God in the comfort it brought to him. We can well trust our Father to bring more good out of our efforts than we ever dreamed of.

There is no substitute for the preaching of the Gospel by those called of God to that work, and if the Sabbath school in any way comes between children and the place of public worship, so as to prevent them from frequenting it, then the institution is far less a blessing than it ought to be; yes, it is not a blessing but other wise.—Watchman.

Elder A. J. Miller, of Crystal Springs, had accepted a call to the Aberdeen church. His work at Crystal Springs has been greatly prospered. In five years one of the nearest church houses in the State has been built, also a parsonage. The church had recently called him for 3-4 of his time with additional salary. He leaves the church in fine condition. We congratulate Aberdeen.

Brother E. C. Gates is again in Bandera, Texas, in quest of health. He did a great and good work for Tennessee Baptist, but his health was so seriously impaired by his arduous labors that he must now "come apart" from brethren and friends, leave wife and children, and the work he loves so well and rest. Will not the readers of THE RECORD remember Brother Gates and his family in their prayers?

"Some people fancy that their thin-skinned penitence is a sign of extreme refinement if not nobility of nature, and are actually riven of their irritable nerves and rash impulses." That is about the way a distinguished writer puts the case; but perhaps there is self-reproach and smittings of conscience that we do not dream of. How hard, how impossible it is to fully understand each other.

The Baptist element in this community is rather thin. We have a very faithful little band of Christians at Black Jack church. The Lord did great things for us last Summer. The church has been wonderfully revived and received several additions, all of which give us great courage to do greater things for the Master. Brother A. V. Rowe is preaching for us now, and is well beloved by all. We hope he will serve us another year.—H. J. Mitchell.

So then our loss, in Brother Rowe's removal, has fallen on to the utterance of the Master's cause with you.

Here is what the Texas Baptist has to say about a Mississippian: The church at Decatur has called Rev. A. D. Broome for another year, and about raised the required salary. The church has done well both the previous years he has been there. Hope is entertained for better things the year to come. He began the pastorate with 36 members; now they have 122, net, exclusive of all deaths, expulsions and dismissions. They have paid every cent they promised, helped all they could in all our benevolent and missionary enterprises. They are very much attached to Brother Broome, and he is fully appreciated there. It is a noble church with a noble preacher.

It would seem that for a plain practical common-sense people such as Baptists are reputed to be it would be unnecessary to call attention to the importance of having correct and carefully-prepared statistics; yet we have reason to believe that there is lack of appreciation of the necessity for the branch of denominational information. The apathy of the brethren is most observed, and keenly felt by those charged with the preparation of the statistics. What would be thought of a general who would undertake a campaign, knowing nothing about the number of soldiers he should command, the equipment, arms and provisions for those troops, and nothing of the territory in which he had to operate. Now, it strikes us that we place ourselves at a great disadvantage in all our denominational work by a careless and unskillful manner of preparing statistics.

A letter from our esteemed friend and brother, W. S. Copeland of Haynesville, La., enclosing \$28.50, contributed by his church or our mission work, delighted and refreshed our soul. He is one of the Baptist laymen of Louisiana, whose name and fame reached us before we came to the State, and scarcely had we set up our residence in Shreveport before a warm, hearty, brotherly letter of welcome reached us from his pen. We longed to see him, and grasp his hand. We had this opportunity at the Convention. In one respect we were disappointed. We had pictured to ourselves a large, portly, fleshy, specimen of humanity, full of life and loquacity. We expected to see him among the most prominent speakers on the floor of the Convention and a leader in debate. Imagine our surprise when we were introduced to a small, modest man, who seemed to shrink away from observation.

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what I afterwards learned was God's call to the work of the ministry. He was one of the purest Christians we ever knew, and we knew him well—one of the profoundest thinkers of this age, and one of the most eloquent and impressive speakers in our land.

He combined the simplicity of a child with the most scholarly attainments and the broadest culture.

In fine, he was one of the noblest specimens of a Christian minister we ever beheld, and we feel now in the deep grief of our heart that we shall never meet him again. Our only consolation is the hope that we shall meet him again where the congregations never break up.

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## WHY SUCH A SPIRIT?

We stand amazed before the fierce vindictiveness of spirit displayed by James and John when the Samaritans would not receive Jesus. Their presumption in asking Jesus: "Wilt Thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" has astonished the centuries. No Christian of to-day believes that if he had lived and walked with Jesus as had James and John, that he could have been tempted to offer such an insolent patronage to the King of Glory. No Christian of to-day would agree that he could ever have been tempted to try to palm off his own vengeful spirit on the Lord Jesus as real Christian zeal; but is there not danger that in our rebukes of the erring we shall let our natural prejudices, our natural acerbity of temper, drive away the real, true Holy Spirit which would cry within us, "Be ye perfect."

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## STATISTICS.

Only 25 Ministers in Mississippi take this paper; only 17 clubs are taken; 14 of these very small indeed. Only 250 copies all told, are taken by the Baptists of this State.

## AS ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS.

These are, or should be, very useful bodies. Every Association should have an Executive Board, not for form's sake but for service. The proper business of such bodies is, to give effect to Associational action between meetings. It is the wish of the Convention Board to strengthen the Associational Boards, and form the closest possible co-operation with them. Most of the Associations approve all the objects of the Conventions. Why,

us in Christ before the foundation of the world, and there it shall abide.

We venture to suggest that the great trouble about election lies, not in the doctrine, but in that disposition of the human heart which denies the right of the Creator to do what He will with His creatures who have sinned against Him.

In conversation with a gentleman who had abandoned the Presbyterian ministry on account of this doctrine, he said: "Before I would accept it, I would deny the inspiration of certain passages." This was doubtless a true statement, and we take it that the difference between denying the inspiration of a passage and denying its plan and obvious meaning is not great.

If this brief experience shall help a reader of God's holy Word to read it a new and better spirit, the writer will be glad.

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